

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Godwin et al.  
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Title : METHODS, SYSTEMS AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCTS FOR  
IN A CLUSTER COMPUTING ENVIRONMENT  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

COMMUNICATION REGARDING THE EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

This paper is being filed in response to Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance attached to the Notice of Allowability mailed October 04, 2007.

*Comments Regarding The Examiner's Reasons For Allowance*

In providing a statement for the reasons for allowance, the Examiner addresses the applicants' arguments made during prosecution with regard to U.S. Pat. No. 6,266,335 to Bhaskaran (hereinafter, '*Bhaskaran*'). However, while the instant application was pending under appeal, the Examiner initiated a telephone interview to introduce a new, additional reference, U.S. Pat. No. 6,463,475 to Calhoun (hereinafter, '*Calhoun*'). By way of this communication, the applicants respectfully request that the Examiner include *Calhoun* as art of record considered by the Examiner during prosecution and indicate as such for the record.

Further, during a review of the application, the applicants noticed that the Examiner did not check off applicants' IDS filed December 06, 2004. As seen by the PTO date stamp on the electronic copy of applicants IDS appearing in PAIR, this IDS was received in Technology Center 2100 on December 10, 2004. By way of this communication, the applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the art cited in this IDS and indicate as such for the record.

Respectfully submitted,  
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